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## Accuser Arrested on Bribery Charge

### NORTH AMERICAN EDITOR NARROWLY ESCAPED TERM IN JAIL FEW YEARS AGO

Person Who Now Says Candidate Tener Followed Questionable Business Methods Himself Under Suspicion.

### COST HIM \$10,000 TO KEEP OUT OF PEN

Since the assaults made upon Congressman J. K. Tener, Republican candidate for Governor, by the Philadelphia North American, old timers are beginning to recall the unsavory record of E. A. Van Valkenburg, editor of this publication, who was at one time notorious in the Legislature for his connections with the campaign when John Wanamaker was an unsuccessful candidate for United States Senate against Boies Penrose in 1896. Van Valkenburg was Wanamaker's campaign manager, and attempted to "deliver the goods" by wholesale bribery. It was alleged so glaring was this attempt and so pronounced was the scandal, that action in the courts was begun against Van Valkenburg. Although there were a number of charges, criminal proceedings were taken in but one case. Van Valkenburg was arrested in Pottsville, Schuylkill county, on a charge of attempting to bribe Webster C. W. Wess, a member of the Legislature from Northampton county. This hearing took place on December 31, 1896. Each side was represented by an impressive array of lawyers. The prosecution was conducted by District Attorney Edward W. Bechtel, of Schuylkill county; W. J. Whitehouse of Pottsville and ex Attorney General Henry W. Palmer and John T. Lenahan, of Wilkes Barre. The counsel for the defendant were Ex-District Attorney W. H. Kock, of Schuylkill county; John F. Whalen, and Charles Snyder of Pottsville and C. H. Bergner of Harrisburg. The hearing resulted in the holding of Van Valkenburg under \$1,500 bail for the action of the grand jury. He was indicted by that body for bribery on January 9, 1897. The case against Van Valkenburg was called for trial in Pottsville on September 14, 1897. His lawyers

fought vigorously for delay. They went into court on the day named and obtained from the presiding judge an order on the district attorney and other counsel for the Commonwealth, for a bill of particulars. The judge ruled that the bill must be presented by 3 p. m. of the same day. The Commonwealth promptly complied. The bill of particulars presented by the Commonwealth recited that the defendant, E. A. Van Valkenburg, on October 3, 1896, in the City of Philadelphia, requested J. N. Tillard to approach all the hold-over Senators and members of the Legislature that they could possibly reach with a promise of financial assistance provided the members would pledge themselves to support John Wanamaker for United States Senator. An affidavit was given by J. N. Tillard, a detective, who stated that he paid over to N. C. Mackey, a candidate for the Legislature from Northampton county, \$1,250 for a pledge that he would vote for Wanamaker. The money Tillard stated was given him by Van Valkenburg. Negotiations were then entered into to "fix" Assemblyman Weiss, and Tillard testified that Van Valkenburg gave him \$500 to pay the Assemblyman for his vote and pledge for Wanamaker. Van Valkenburg was defended by the best counsel that money could procure and the case was fought desperately in the courts. Every possible delay was fought for, and when the case was finally called for trial influential friends of Van Valkenburg had been at work, with the result that an agreement was made by which the defense paid the costs of prosecution, the Commonwealth entered a nol pros and the bills of indictment were submitted. The costs and expenses are said to have amounted to \$10,000 which were gladly paid by Van Valkenburg's friends to settle the cases.

### New Minister Preaches His First Sermon

Pastor Richards Pleases  
Methodist Episcopal  
Congregation.

Rev. F. A. Richards, the new pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, preached his first sermon to the local congregation Sunday morning and created quite an impression. He had for his subject "Called to Service." In his remarks he stated that he came here with nothing new in the way of religion, with no new fangled ideas in the way of Bible teachings, but with the old fashioned religion which he hoped to make just as interesting as it has been made during the ages past and fully as effective. He asked co-operation among his auditors, not only inside the church, but outside, in the office, the mill, or the home.

### SHOOTING FOLLOWS QUARRELL

Monongahela Man Murdered by Former Friend.

### THREE MEN ARE ARRESTED

James Tennina, 52 years old, an Italian of Monongahela, was shot and instantly killed in a quarrel with a party of fellow countrymen late Saturday night. He was visited by four Italians from Hazelkirk, who were drinking with him at his boarding house, when the row started. After the shooting the quartet escaped, but were pursued by the other boarders and one was captured. Later two more of the party were arrested who admitted they were at Monongahela. These are Arthur Bantonis, John Coli, and Tony Flowers, who were taken to Pittsburgh, the shooting having occurred in Allegheny county. It is believed that Coli did the shooting.

### NOTICES SENT OUT BY KEYSTONE PARTY

"Practical" Methods Advocated for Getting Out Vote Election Day.

A circular has been received at the Mail office from the committee on Club Organization and Popular Subscriptions of the Keystone State Campaign Committee which gives an insight into the campaign methods of the latter party. First of all the efficiency of ready cash is emphasized and an urgent appeal is made for subscriptions to the campaign fund—"popular subscriptions"—the circular states. Then follows instructions as to how to conduct the campaign in each district, with the significant suggestion, "it may be necessary to employ one or two of the most successful workers, paying day wages." The plan is to organize "camps" in each district to do the political work at the polls. Perhaps the most significant part of instructions given is that "Whenever enough voluntary workers are not forthcoming the Camp should use part of its fund to employ at day wages the most successful canvassers." In this way the circular expresses the hope that the Keystone party may be able to "capture the State and municipal governments this year."

### MAN IS SHOT WHEN HE REFUSES TO DISCONTINUE PLAYING MOUTH ORGAN

### BUSINESS MEN PREPARE FOR BIG TIME THURSDAY

Smoker and Lunch to be Held in Association Rooms--Program of Much Interest is Arranged.

The Charleroi Business Men's association will hold a smoker and lunch on Thursday evening of this week in their association rooms, which will partly be in the nature of a reception for new members. A program has been prepared for the occasion as follows: "Welcome to New Members" President J. H. Bowers; "The Outlook," H. J. Booth; "What I Saw at the Bull Fight in Old Mexico," G.

S. Might; "Reminiscences," J. K. Johnston; "Llanfairpwllgwyllgo geryc yndrobllantysiliogogach" Prof. I. T. Daniel; Song, company; lunch; "Synopsis Civic Pride" or the Best is Good Enough for Charleroi," led by N. Greenberg. "America." The smoker is an invitation affair to the business men, and it is expected that it will be of more than usual interest.

### MINING SCHOOLS WILL BE ESTABLISHED IN VALLEY

Women Cannot Agree;  
Results in a Fight

Italians Brought Before Burgess  
on Charge of Disorderly  
Conduct.

Because the women of two households couldn't agree a fight occurred yesterday at a place on Second street, near Washington avenue, between some Italians, which resulted in the landing of four in the police station, and the consequent fining of four of them. Joe Bono and Frank Columbus were each fined \$3.85 for the party they took in the affair, and Josephine Bono and Nickolina Rose \$2.85 each.

### SCHOOL CHILDREN MARCH FOR TENER

Candidate Much Appreciates  
Courtesy Shown Him  
at Dayton.

An incident showing how popular is John K. Tener, candidate for Governor, was related yesterday by a man who was here on a trip from Armstrong county. He said that the campaigning party in the tour through the State were scheduled to stop at Dayton, a small place near Punxsutawney before proceeding to the latter town. The whole town turned out in festive array. At the station Mr. Tener and his party were met by school children formed in marching order, and with them leading there was a parade for about a mile to a school house where addresses were made. Along the route people rushed up to shake hands with Mr. Tener and he could hardly pass. It was one of the happiest events that he has had on his tour, and as much if not more appreciated by him than many of the other ovations tendered him by leaders of the Republican party in various places.

### Cabbage For Sale

I have about six thousand head of cabbage. Excellent for sauer kraut or for winter cooking. Apply John Molenatto, back of Charleroi reservoir. Price will be arranged according to the amount of purchase. 59t2p.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Dorbitz of Washington avenue spent Saturday and Sunday in Pittsburgh with friends. They also visited the latter's brother, G. W. Corey, a patient at the Mercy hospital. They report Mr. Corey to be getting along nicely.

Born--To Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Long of Monessen a 11-pound son.

Well Known Slavic Miner Now in Hospital With Two Bullet Holes in Body.

### ASSAILANT IS NOT CAUGHT

Police Spend Day Searching for Unknown Foreigner Who is Claimed to Have Done the Shooting.

Because he insisted upon playing a mouth organ Sunday morning at 3 o'clock when another man of his race thought it irreverent, Mike Chipke a well known Slavish miner of Charleroi, is at the Mercy hospital, Pittsburgh, suffering from two bullet wounds, one of which in the right groin may cause his death. His assailant who is unknown escaped, and thus far has eluded the police, despite an all day search yesterday by Chief of Police C. W. Albright and his men. Chipke was entertaining a party of friends in front of his home on McKean avenue near Tenth street Sunday morning, and was playing a mouth organ. A stranger joined the crowd, according to the story told by Chipke's friends, and asked the latter to stop playing as it was Sunday. Apparently no attention was paid to his request and pulling a revolver from his pocket he fired, two bullets taking effect one in the groin and another in the chest of Chipke. In the confusion which followed the man who did the shooting escaped. Dr. N. W. Patton was called and Chipke's wounds were dressed by the physician and on the early morning train he was taken to the hospital. Not until 6 o'clock were the police notified and Chipke's assailant by that time had made himself scarce.

The shooting occurred at close range, the skin on Chipke's chest being burned. Word from the hospital is to the effect that peritonitis is feared, and if it does set in the man can hardly be saved. The nature of the wound is similar to that which caused the death of William Adams, former Macbeth-Evans superintendent, shot last December by Thomas Kinney. Chipke was about 28 years old and married. It was stated that the man who shot him was a worker at the Imperial Bottle works for awhile but his name is unknown. He was a big fellow, and at the time of the shooting wore a light suit and light hat. It is thought that there was something more back of the affair than just the offense conveyed by Chipke's refusal to stop playing the mouth organ upon demand. Efforts are being continued today to locate the man who did the shooting.

### Council Meeting

To take up unfinished business council will meet tonight. There is nothing of special importance scheduled, so far as is known.

Mr. and Mrs. George Englar from Pueblo, Col., are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Aloysius Brand of Washington avenue.

### DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF DEATHS IN THIS DISTRICT

Registrar McKay Reports  
But Nine for the Month  
of September.

There was considerable decrease in the number of deaths under other months of the year during September, according to a report of the registrar of vital statistics in this district, Dr. Edwin McKay. The total number of deaths was nine, all in Charleroi. The usual number is about twenty. The number of births was about the same as usual, the total being 22 in the district, 19 in Charleroi and three in Twilight borough. No deaths nor births were recorded in Fallowfield township.

### THIS EAR OF CORN IS RECORD BREAKER

An ear of corn grown on Smith Frye's farm back of Charleroi is being displayed in the window of Weltner's pharmacy, and it is one of the largest ever raised around here. The ear is about 13 inches long and has about 20 rows of corn. There are an average of 55 grains to a row, thus making 1,100 or more grains on the ear.

Several boys employed at the Imperial Bottle factory have left work, it is said, because they claim they are not getting enough pay.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Sheep were here from Coraopolis over Sunday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Orange.

J. K. Tener, Pres. S. A. Walton, Vice Pres. R. H. Rush, Cashier.

### The Demand for Young Men



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**Oct. 17 In American History.**

1777—Surrender of General Burgoyne's army (British) to General Horatio Gates (Colonial) at Saratoga, a decisive event in the Revolution.  
1863—President Lincoln called for "300,000 more."  
1891—James Parton, noted American sketch writer, biographer and historian, died; born 1822.  
1893—Lucy Stone Blackwell, one of the original and most noted woman suffrage advocates, died; born 1818.  
1897—Charles A. Dana, editor of the New York Sun, died; born 1819.

**ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.**  
(From noon today to noon tomorrow.)  
Sun sets 5:13; rises 6:11; moon sets 6:01 a. m.; 9:16 a. m., eastern time, full moon in constellation Pisces.

## The Ally of the Democracy

The New York Herald has just completed a painstaking investigation of the political conditions in every State, with especial reference to the fight for control of the House in the Sixty-second Congress. Its inquiries lead to the conclusion that of the 391 districts, 138 must be classified as doubtful or debatable. The "Herald" says:

"But not only is the House of Representatives at stake in this election—the political control of the Senate may also be involved."

In no other campaign since Bryan divided the Democracy has that party been so hopeful of victory. The chairman of the Democratic Congressional Committee, Representative Lloyd of Missouri, a few days ago confidently predicted that the Democrats would have a surprisingly large majority in the next House. He included Pennsylvania in the list of States he said would show a gain for the Democracy. Mr. Lloyd's prediction regarding Pennsylvania is based upon the hope that many Republicans assuming that the Republican ticket is sure to win, will neglect to vote and that others may be deceived into voting the Keystone ticket.

The Republican who casts his ballot for the Keystone ticket must do so with his eyes open. He must know that he is voting for a Bryan Democrat, who, if elected, will do everything in his power to advance the interests of the Democratic party in Pennsylvania and the nation. He must know that he is voting for Democratic candidates for the Legislature, who if elected, will vote for a Democrat for United States Senator, and for Democratic candidates for the House at Washington, who are pledged to join other Democrats in passing a free trade tariff bill. A vote for the Keystone ticket will be a vote for the Democratic party. There is not the slightest doubt of that.

## John K. Tener's Tour

John K. Tener has been on the stump for several weeks and the public in many sections of the State have now had the opportunity to form a personal estimate of the Republican

candidate for Governor. The reports that have come from the meetings are uniformly of one character—that he makes an excellent impression everywhere. "He talks like a man of firm convictions, like one who, realizing that the Stuart administration has been conducted on a high plane, is determined that the same high plane shall be maintained. He promises that it shall be. He is convincing. We believe him to be thoroughly in earnest."

In these last days of the campaign the usual effort to besmirch him has been made by those hungry for power. Mr. Tener meets all detractors with an invitation to look over the pages of his life's record and—tell the truth. After all the very best indorsement that any man can have is that of his own neighbors and the neighbors of Mr. Tener thoroughly believe in him. They thought so much of him that they elected him to Congress in a campaign that he waged against one who had arrogantly enticed himself after many years spent in the House. The district was torn from end to end by the Tener campaign for the nomination in 1908, and by an overwhelming majority Tener triumphed. They renominated him this year, but higher honors subsequently came to him, and now he is the candidate for Governor.

If there is anything wrong with a man his own townsmen can be relied upon to know it. But his own townsmen have shown their respect and their affection for him and their faith in him by their cordial and enthusiastic greetings whenever during the campaign they have had the opportunity. Everywhere the solid citizenship of the towns which he has visited have rallied to his support. The men who have made their mark in their own localities whose good opinion is worth much are with him. He has made friends everywhere through his frankness.

"It will not be forgotten that four years ago Edwin S. Stuart was assailed in the most outrageous manner. His life had been blameless, but that mattered not. He was the candidate of the 'bosses,' meaning that he had been nominated by the delegates to the Republican State convention. Therefore, it was said of him that he was a mere puppet. But Stuart triumphed and he has lived to give Pennsylvania an administration that is noted throughout the nation for its integrity and its good sense. And now it is the turn of Tener to be assailed. It would have made no difference who the candidate might have been, there would have been the same assaults from those who never hesitate to sink themselves into the depths of some to foster their own conspiracies. But as Stuart won despite his vicious detractors, so will Tener win, and the great Republican State of Pennsylvania will refuse to be led into the rank of a Democratic Berry or a Democratic Grim to become a pawn in the Democratic game to seize upon that country and erect the free soup kitchen for the starving in place of the open mill and factory."

## ELECTRIC SPARKS

A lawyer always is so bright looking when he enters the bar, but it is comparatively seldom that we hear of a septuagenarian attorney making good.

The Philadelphia North American still seems to think it has something up its sleeve.

Pittsburg women think that girls have no business celebrating Halloween by donning male attire. Better that than the hobble skirt.

You are supposed to own \$135 if you live in Charleroi. Still it keeps most of us busy finding enough to keep our blood stirring.

Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlntysilioogogach. Never mind, that's only the name of a small town in Wales.

Charleroi is getting a big record for fast time in its volunteer department. Where Charleroi leads others follow.

The women who wants to criticize the dress of another member of her sex, had better first take a few vain glances, in the mirror. Other-

wise she may find herself open to criticism.

When you would hardly know a man is married by his actions and appearance, it's a sure sign that he is getting along well with his wife and get's to do at least a share of the housework.

In the time of peace apply for a pension.

It has been almost a week since we heard of Roosevelt's "big stick."

Deceased rabbits are dangerous at this time of the year.

When Acheson was in power men were supposedly paid for shoveling dirt both ways in constructing roads. Beauty, they say, is only skin deep. And doesn't penetrate far; But it's enough to get a girl a seat in a crowded trolley car.

—Philadelphia Telegraph.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

### IS CONGRATULATED

### FOR GOOD RECORD

### Made One of Best and Quickest Runs in History on Saturday.

When the fire companies were called out by an alarm on Saturday, Mrs. J. M. Fleming, wife of Chief Fleming, kept a record of the time from the first tap of the bell until the "ring out" was given. This included the getting of both the chemical wagon and the hook and ladder wagon from the fire house, the run to the scene of the alarm at Tenth street, the connection and laying of hose, and an inspection of the roof of the house, where the small blaze was. The entire time consumed was five minutes. This is considered a record for the local department, and several compliments were heaped on the work, among them being one from a member of the Monessen fire department who professed great surprise that a volunteer company could attain such a degree of efficiency, and said that it was as good or better than many paid companies can make. The run was made with 12 men, the chief, assistant chief and two foremen.

**Stories of Frederick the Great.**  
In the course of some military evolutions Frederick the Great of Prussia, irritated by some mistake of a captain, ran after him with his stick in order to strike him. The captain ran away. The next morning the commanding officer reported to the king that the officer in question, one of the most efficient in the regiment, had sent in his papers. "Tell him to come to me," said the king. The officer, in great perturbation, came. "Good morning, major," he apostrophized the officer, who was speechless with surprise. "I wanted to tell you of your promotion, but you ran so fast I could not catch you up. Good morning."

Another time an officer attempted to get a comrade into bad odor with the king by telling his majesty that he was a drunkard. In a subsequent battle the latter's fitness was conspicuous, whereas his slanderer played a very poor part. When afterward he defied past the king at the head of his regiment his majesty called out to him in a voice of thunder, "The sooner you take to drink the better!"

**The Old Time Surgeon.**  
Before anesthetics were known the surgeon's only expedient was to abridge his patient's sufferings by working rapidly. In this the old time surgeons did wonders. They had a control and a surety in their hands that are now seldom found. One day the celebrated surgeon Maimonideus had to amputate the leg of a poor devil, who began to howl in advance. "I'll give you my watch," said the surgeon, "if the operation lasts more than a minute." The man accepted the offer, but was obliged to forego the handsome watch, as the operation took less time than it requires to describe. To amputate an arm at the shoulder is a most difficult operation. Dr. Langenbeck of Germany did it in two minutes. A young physician who came to see him perform the operation adjusted his spectacles to his nose so as not to lose a single movement, but when the spectacles were in place the operation was over and the severed arm lay on the floor. Times have changed much since then.

**Be a Real Power in the World.**  
It is a great thing to start out in active life with the resolution that you will not be a mere cipher in your community, but a real constructive force; that you will stand for something more than a real living getter or a dollar gatherer; that you will not be merely one more citizen, but a strong, robust, vigorous force, a power respected, a force that moves things. To be known as a progressive man who stands for everything that is for the betterment of his community, every one should be ambitious to be something as a citizen besides a specialist in his vocation.—Success Magazine.

## The Cry of the Age is "Back to the Farm"

With the best market in the world at his door, the intensive farmer located in the Monongahela valley is the wise man of his generation.

Every town has as much need of the small truck, fruit and poultry farms around it as it has for more factories. Such farms make living better and cheaper for the laboring man and more business for the merchant.

I have secured control of a large farm within five minutes walk of the borough limits and will, within the next six weeks, sell it out in small farms. I now have purchasers for about one-half of it and owing to the great demand for small farms near Charleroi expect to close all sales for these farms in a very short time.

A farm big enough for all the boys to work as a truck, poultry and fruit farm while the father works at the mill, can be bought for the price of a cheap town lot. Good country school nearby.

A farm big enough to require the whole time of one intensive farmer can be bought for \$500.00. Read the Pittsburg papers about the great land show which will be held there within the next few weeks and learn what can be raised on a few acres of ground by the new methods of intensive farming.

Call at the office of Charles O. Frye, 511 Washington Avenue, and get full particulars.

## Opportunity.

In one of the old Greek cities there stood long ago a statue. Every trace of it has vanished now, but there is still in existence an epigram which gives us an excellent description of it, and as we read the words we can surely discover the lesson which those old Greeks meant that the statue should teach to every passerby. The epigram is in the form of a conversation between a traveler and the statue:

"What is thy name, O statue?"  
"I am called Opportunity."  
"Who made thee?"  
"Lysippus."  
"Why art thou on thy toes?"  
"To show that I stay but a moment."  
"Why hast thou wings on thy feet?"  
"To show how quickly I pass by."  
"But why is thy hair so long on thy forehead?"  
"That men may seize me when they meet me."  
"Why, then, is thy head so bald behind?"  
"To show that when I have once passed I cannot be caught."

**Dropping the Curtain.**  
"No, Mr. Slowan," said the fair possessor of the square chin, "I must respectfully decline to become your other half."

"But why?" asked the astonished young man, who had believed that he was the favored one.

"Because," replied the female extender of the frosty digit, "the man I marry must be brave and fearless. Tonight you let out the information that you have loved me for five long, weary years, but have not dared mention it until the present meeting. A man who has no more nerve than that would hide under the bed while his wife went downstairs to interview a burglar who was making a raid on the family larder. Therefore, Mr. Slowan, I will work the piano for a little while, while the curtain drops on the farewell scene. You will find your hat on the usual peg of the hall rack. Good evening!"—London Mail.

**Speculative Life Insurance.**  
A mania for speculative insurance on the lives of public personages prevailed in England during the eighteenth century. Warren Hastings, the pretender, the rebel lords or the unfortunate Admiral Byng answered equally the purpose of speculation, and there were also regular quotations on the lives of notorious highwaymen. Sir Robert Walpole at one period of his career, when his life was endangered by popular tumults, was insured for many thousands, and when George II. fought at Dettingen 25 per cent was paid against his return. Such speculative insurances were, however, largely checked by the gambling act of 1774, which made insurable interest a necessary condition for a valid policy.—Argonaut.

**How Leap Year Started.**  
Hampson, in his "Medii OEVI. Kalendarium," quotes the following quaint tradition from an old Saxon treatise: "Some assert that the bissextus or leap day comes through this, that Joshua prayed to God that the sun might stand still for one day's length that he might sweep the heathen from the land that God had granted him and his followers. It is true that the sun did stand still for one day's length over the city of Gabaon, but the day went forward in the same manner as other days. And the bissextus is not through that, as some do think."

In France and some parts of Spain and Portugal there exists a tradition known as "the ghost of leap year." Believers in this say that a marvelous monster annually appears on leap day and disarranges human affairs for the remainder of the year.

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## REVENUE CUTTERS.

Varied Duties of These Life Savers of the Seas.

No men in the employ of Uncle Sam render more efficient service than do those of the revenue cutter service. The term "revenue," which would indicate that their duties were restricted to those pertaining to the proper enforcement of the revenue laws, can give but a faint notion of the varied duties of this splendid corps of men. As a matter of fact, revenue cutters are the life savers of the seas. They patrol the coasts on regular beats, on the watch for vessels in distress. They must suppress mutinies, prevent smuggling and illicit sea hunting; they must examine ships' papers, enforce quarantine regulations, supply lighthouses and in general do all kinds of police work. Then, too, they have been dubbed "the messenger boys of the seas."

Alexander Hamilton was the father of the revenue cutter service, for it was under his administration of the treasury department that, in 1791, ten cutters were built and put in commission under rules of his own devising. In time of peace the cutters are under the supervision of the treasury department, but in times of war they are transferred to that of the navy department. Since the war of 1812 they have always rendered excellent service in the event of armed hostilities. Every one remembers the remarkable work done by the McCulloch, under Dewey, at the battle of Manila Bay.—New York Press.

## A GEM OF POESY.

Maybe It Was the Heat That Made It Burst Into Being.

Stewart Edward White, William Kent and myself were hunting mountain sheep in the ranges of Mexican California. Perhaps because the savage heat of the desert which we were crossing had somewhat gone to our brains we fell to making poetry upon various aspects of desert life. White rhapsodized upon the tarantula; Kent dithyrambed over the pack mule; I sang the dispraises of the jack rabbit. Finally White, who was cook for the day, offered a special prize of duck with raisins (the last remnant of our stores) for the premier verse to be turned out before sunset. At noon I met up with a wandering prospector who introduced himself as J. Noel Benson, native son of California, and observed upon learning of our literary efforts that he was some poet himself. On being invited to enter the list he retired to the top of a mesa, where the thermometer was something like 110 in the absence of shade, and after half an hour of self communion returned with the following gem of poesy:

**THE GNAT.**  
The gnat he is a noisome mite.  
He loves to buzz. He loves to bite.  
He crawls upon you when you're hot.  
I love the naughty gnat—nit—not!

The duff was awarded to him without protest from the other contestants.—Success Magazine.

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WE have passed "the new boot stage."

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## Read The Mail







# FORMER DIRECTOR DEFENDS MR. TENER OF VICIOUS ATTACK

(From the Philadelphia Star)

Commenting upon the charges made against Republican gubernatorial Candidate Tener because of his connection with the National Utilities Corporation, General Russell Thayer, who was a director of the company and who resigned several months ago said:

"I was a director of the company for many months, and I am sure that not a single act of any member of the directorate in an official capacity was morally or legally wrong. I was not by any means a dummy director or one who had been put there to influence the community. I took an active interest in the affairs and can say that they were conducted in a strictly honorable and business like manner."

"Mr. Tener's connection with the company was always honorable and respectable. Any attack made on the future Governor of Pennsylvania on account of his connection with this company is not only unkind, but absolutely unnecessary."

"I resigned from the directorate because other business demanded my attention. This was the same reason that caused Mr. Tener to resign. We did not retire because of any wrong act, either on our part or on that of our companions."

A dispatch from Allentown stated today that investors in the National Utilities corporation residing in that city do not know of anything wrong in the company.

G. C. Aschbach, leading music

## MINING SCHOOLS WILL BE ESTABLISHED IN VALLEY

(Continued from First Page.)

earnest efforts in their behalf, presented Inspector Cunningham with a beautiful jeweled Knights Templar emblem. The whole affair was a complete surprise to Mr. Cunningham but he responded very fittingly. Other addresses on the mining educational movement were made by Thomas Easton, Harry C. Drum, Robert Whitelaw, John Malabon Jr., and John McNeil. Officers of the new mining institute were chosen as follows: President, Andrew Jenkins, Charleroi; vice president, Thomas Cavanaugh, Fayette City; secretary, John J. Cairns, Roscoe; assistant secretary, Henry Abbott, Roscoe; treasurer, John McNeil, Coal Centre.

## BUSINESS MAN SAYS CHARGES ARE NONSENSE

Commenting upon the charges made by the Philadelphia North American upon Congressman J. K. Tener's connection with the National Public Utilities Corporation which the Philadelphia paper characterize as fraudulent because the company as not yet achieved its purpose, a prominent business man of the valley who came to the community from Westmoreland county, said today:

"Such charges are nonsense. All big projects are financed that way nowadays. I, myself, was one of the originals who promoted the West Penn Electric company, which, as every one knows, is one of the most powerful and solid corporations in this end of the State. At the time we began we did not have a single thing but some franchises, which were traded upon as assets. No one will now venture to attack the West Penn company, but the time was when all its available assets were a bunch of franchises worth absolutely nothing until they were utilized and put into operation."

Mrs. A. H. Chandler left today for Kokomo, Ind., where she will visit friends.

## LOCAL MENTION

Interesting News Items Condensed for Busy Readers.

G. W. Turner, the barber, returned the latter part of last week from a trip to Hagerstown, Md., and other places in that vicinity.

William Hott, who is employed at Woodlawn, was at home over Sunday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hott of McKean avenue.

Chauncey Jones and Oscar Carson left Sunday morning for a hunting trip of three or four days in the mountains near Ohio Pyle.

Cresson Carta of Baltimore, Md., was a guest a brief while in Charleroi of his cousins, Misses May and Ethel Bartin.

Mrs. S. T. Winngett has gone to Hagerstown, Md., for a visit with relatives and friends.

W. S. James left here for New York city last Saturday evening where he will transact important business.

Lorenzo Flowers has returned from Aspinwall where he had been enjoying the association of relatives.

Wm. Marr has accepted a position with a Glass company in Missouri. Mrs. Marr and daughters Misses Nellie and Emily will sail for England in November 9. The girls will enter school there for a three years' course.

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Frantz of Allentown spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Walters.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Abell and children, and Mrs. M. E. Abell and daughter Miss Margaret spent Sunday in Belle Vernon the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Springer.

Mrs. J. A. Sterling and sons James and Harry are here from Mansontown, the guests of relatives and friends.

Myron Rodgers of Seattle, Wash., who has been east to New York on a business trip was a visitor over Sunday of his mother Mrs. S. E. Rodgers of Fallowfield township.

Paul Kimmins spent Sunday evening in Brownsville with friends.

Miss Inga Dancer of Donora was a visitor in Charleroi Sunday with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Crowley spent Sunday in Brownsville with the latter's people.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Newcomer spent Sunday in Brownsville.

Burgess and Mrs. G. W. Risbeck were over Sunday guests of relatives in Donora.

Guy Woodward, Logan Wingett, Robert McGowan and A. J. Pancok took an automobile trip to Uniontown and vicinity yesterday.

A. J. Odert was a visitor in Charleroi yesterday from Pittsburg where he attends school.

L. J. Peck is a Pittsburg business visitor today.

Dr. H. J. Sherrick was an over Sunday visitor in Connellsville with relatives.

Fred Estenfelder went to Fredericktown this morning on a business trip.

Mrs. M. E. Richards and daughter, Miss Ruth went to Mt. Washington yesterday where they will make their future home.

An Ancient House. The ancient Romans had a catapult that could hurl rocks more than a mile.

"Now I understand it." "What?" My landlord told me the house was a stone's throw from the depot. He must have had it on his hands since the time of the Caesars.

A Complex Rest Cure. "Bliggins is a very vociferous person."

"Yes," replied Miss Cayenne, "but I don't blame him. The way a man of his mentality rests his nerves is by talking so loud he can't hear himself think."—Washington Star.

## Classified Ads

FOUND—Sum of money. Owner can have same by applying to H. K. Lang, 608 Fallowfield avenue, identifying same and paying for this advertisement. 58tp

FOR SALE—10 shares of the stock of the Charleroi Savings and Trust company at par. Call on or write to G. M. Mitchell, 88 McKee Avenue, Monessen, Pa. 58tf

WANTED—To rent either small house or 4 or 5 rooms for light housekeeping in Fifth street school district on Meadow or Crest. Answer care "35" Mail. 57tf

FOR SALE—Iron Favorite coal range with shelf. Inquire of 523 McKean avenue. 54tfp

WANTED—Girl for general housework. Apply 332 Washington avenue. 53tp

## J. W. Berryman & Son

### FALL HARVEST SALE

Oct. 15th until Oct. 25th

We call this our Fall Harvest Sale because the crops have all been harvested, and every day perishable things must be gotten out of the way of Jack Frost.

It is time, too, when men, women and children put off summer things and put on their Winter Wearables. This sale will last ten days. We've hundreds of things to show you. Come while the assortments are at their best.

We have already received over Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) worth of the newest and best merchandise that money can buy. We want to show you these assortments, so kindly arrange to come this week.

Ladies' Suits are big Fall items—and no doubt many are waiting to buy. The very cream of the store's stock—don't delay—you'll never do better than now. We can sell you a beautiful suit for \$12.50, better for \$15.00 and \$18.00 and up.

Quality in suits always counts. We aim always to give value—and it must be right. Price depends on the value of the cloth and the workmen employed. We claim that our suits are as "good as the best and better than the rest." Don't put off—alterations take time and you must take your turn.

Sailor Dresses have been unusually good—they are so pretty and so serviceable. This week we received the smaller sizes for girls, ages 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14 years, made of serge and come in Blue, Brown and Red. They sell for the very low price of \$3.75 and \$5.00.

Misses' Blue Serge Dresses for school and every day wear. A new neat stylish dress of serge, come in sizes 14, 16, 18, 20—at \$10.00.

Children's Coats of all ages are big attractions now—and oh! such a variety, and so pretty. They must be seen to be appreciated.

The Misses' Coats are selling every day now. Make your selection—it's going to be a coat year—you'll want one. There is a wonderful lot of them and hardly any two alike. Price range \$8.50, \$10.00, \$12.50, \$15.00, \$18, \$20 and \$25.00.

Blanket Time—and we've got them—we sell good blankets here—the kind that stay good, and I am sure 'tis the kind you want.

Winter Hose will need attention. Buy a box and wear each pair in its turn—it is the secret of guaranteed hosiery. Look up our Buster Brown Hose for Children—for Men—for Women—all guaranteed.

Hair Goods—Do you know how to fix up your hair in the late style way? Well, if you do, you know it requires more hair, and it's our business to supply you with good sanitary hair goods. Don't overlook this item. Hair goods cannot be exchanged. No reasons for excuse. It is for your good.

Sweaters are selling for little folks—for girls—boys and men. We've a big lot of them.

Dress Goods—the greatest variety ever shown by this big store. Any color and most any price. We've sold thousands of yards of good dress goods. If you want dependable kinds come here.

Specials—This week this store is offering a number of Specials at Cut Prices. Look them up—they may save you money.

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### WELL KNOWN WOMAN

DIES ON WAY HOME  
FROM SOUTHERN STATE

Word was received here yesterday from Baltimore, Md., of the death of Mrs. Isaac K. Porter, of near Claysville, the mother of Mrs. Charles O. Frye of Crest avenue. Her death occurred at 3 o'clock yesterday morning while she was on her way home from Florida where she had gone two months ago with her husband for the benefit of her health. She was 55 years old. The funeral will be held from the late home on Tuesday. Mrs. Porter has been a sufferer from asthma for many years. Two months ago she went to Florida with her husband hoping that the change of climate would result in her complete recovery. The climate did not have the desired effect, and with Mr. Porter she started home as soon as she was able. When they reached Baltimore her heart became affected and death resulted. Beside the husband and Mrs. Frye there survive the following children: Frank of New York and Robert of near Claysville.

### LEAK IN RESERVOIR

CAUSES BIG SCARE

Many Hill Residents Feared

Repetition of Johnstown Flood.

When the lead blew out of a main at the reservoir and let considerable water escape Saturday evening, people on the hill were somewhat frightened for fear of a repetition of the Johnstown flood. The water escaped for quite a while, and several cellars were flooded, it is stated, before water company employees could repair the break. All the water which flowed from the main was the excess not used by the town.

Use the Want Column of the Mail-

you will get the desired result quick;

ly and surely--a cent a word.

# October Shoe Sale

READ THE BARGAINS

### Women's Cloth Top Shoes



The newest Fall creations and a triumph of modern shoemaking. Best black cloth used in the construction of this shoe and it will make a big hit among stylish dressers. Mile stool buttons that add greatly to the beauty of the shoe. Made to sell at \$3.50 and give a pair. All sizes Saturday at the very special price of

\$2.45  
A Pair

### Men's Dress Shoes

Tan, patent and dull leathers in button and blucher models. Men can be both stylish and saving by taking advantage of this offering worth \$3.50 and \$4.00 a pair. Special price for Saturday

\$2.45  
A Pair



### Women's Fine Dress Shoes

That the most exacting women will credit as being about the best offering in town and worth double the money. They come in tan, patent and dull leathers in all sizes. Cuban heel and short vamp models. Lace, button and blucher styles. Worth \$4.00 to \$4.50 a pair. Special Saturday A Pair

\$1.95

### Women's Sample Shoes

Latest Fall styles from the best factories. Have them only in sizes from 2 1/2 to 4 1/2 and the women who can wear these sizes will get the cream of the shoe bargains. Special price for Saturday

\$1.48



### Girls' Shoes

For dress, tan, patent and gun metal with mat and kid tops. Generally sell at \$2 and sizes up to 2 1/2. Special

\$1.50

### For School Wear

Big lot on tables in store tomorrow. All leathers and sizes up to 2 1/2. Special

98c



### Women's Juliet

All sizes out on tables tomorrow at the "best for less" price. Worth 1.50 per pr. Rubber heels, leather soles and elastic soles assure comfort. Special

98c

### Boys' Shoes

Dressy and durable—an ideal combination. All leathers. \$2 and 2.50 values at the special price

1.50

For school wear—best calfskin uppers with good strong soles, noted for long wear. \$1.50 values in sizes up to 5 1/2 at

98c

## Sample Shoe Store

"It's Adolph, of Course"



is to have plenty of diamonds. We are making it possible to have that dream a reality. When you realize how cheap we are selling those handsome diamonds, \$3.50 and up, you'll want one. Store closes every evening at 6 p. m. except Mondays and Saturdays.



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## Oct. 17 In American History.

1777—Surrender of General Burgoyne's army (British) to General Horatio Gates (Colonial) at Saratoga, a decisive event in the Revolution.  
1803—President Lincoln called for \$200,000 more.  
1891—James Parton, noted American sketch writer, biographer and historian, died; born 1822.  
1893—Lucy Stone Blackwell, one of the original and most noted woman suffrage advocates, died; born 1818.  
1897—Charles A. Dana, editor of the New York Sun, died; born 1819.

**ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.**  
(From noon today to noon tomorrow.)  
Sun sets 5:13; rises 6:11; moon sets 6:01 a. m.; 9:16 a. m., eastern time, full moon in constellation Pisces.

## The Ally of the Democracy

The New York Herald has just completed a painstaking investigation of the political conditions in every State, with especial reference to the fight for control of the House in the Sixty-second Congress. Its inquiries lead to the conclusion that of the 891 districts, 318 must be classified as doubtful or debatable. The "Herald" says: "But not only is the House of Representatives at stake in this election—the political control of the Senate may also be involved."  
In no other campaign since Bryan divided the Democracy has that party been so hopeful of victory. The chairman of the Democratic Congressional Committee, Representative Lloyd of Missouri, a few days ago confidently predicted that the Democrats would have a surprisingly large majority in the next House. He included Pennsylvania in the "list of States he said would show a gain for the Democracy. Mr. Lloyd's prediction regarding Pennsylvania is based upon the hope that many Republicans assuming that the Republican ticket is sure to win, will neglect to vote and that others may be deceived into voting the Keystone ticket.  
The Republican who casts his ballot for the Keystone ticket must do so with his eyes open. He must know that he is voting for a Bryan Democrat, who, if elected, will do everything in his power to advance the interests of the Democratic party in Pennsylvania and the nation. He must know that he is voting for Democratic candidates for the Legislature, who if elected, will vote for a Democrat for United States Senator, and for Democratic candidates for the House at Washington, who are pledged to join other Democrats in passing a free trade tariff bill. A vote for the Keystone ticket will be a vote for the Democratic party. There is not the slightest doubt of that.

## John K. Tener's Tour

"John K. Tener has been on the stump for several weeks and the public, in many sections of the State have now had the opportunity to form a personal estimate of the Republican

candidate for Governor. The reports that have come from the meetings are uniformly of one character—that he makes an excellent impression everywhere," says the Philadelphia Inquirer. "He talks like a man of firm convictions; like one who, realizing that the Stuart administration has been conducted on a high plane, is determined that the same high plane shall be maintained. He promises that it shall be. He is convincing. We believe him to be thoroughly in earnest."  
"In these last days of the campaign the usual effort to besmirch him has been made by those hungry for power. Mr. Tener meets all detractors with an invitation to look over the pages of his life's record and—tell the truth. After all the very best endorsement that any man can have is that of his own neighbors and the neighbors of Mr. Tener thoroughly believe in him. They thought so much of him that they elected him to Congress in a campaign that he waged against one who had arrogantly entrenched himself after many years spent in the House. The district was torn from end to end by the Tener campaign for the nomination in 1908, and by an overwhelming majority Tener triumphed. They renominated him this year, but higher honors subsequently came to him, and now he is the candidate for Governor."  
"If there is anything wrong with a man his own townsmen can be relied upon to know it. But his own townsmen have shown their respect and their affection for him and their faith in him by their cordial and enthusiastic greetings whenever during the campaign they have had the opportunity. Everywhere the solid citizenship of the towns which he has visited have rallied to his support. The men who have made their mark in their own localities whose good opinion is worth much as with him. He has made friends everywhere through his frankness."  
"It will not be forgotten that four years ago Edwin S. Stuart was assailed in the most outrageous manner. His life had been blameless, but that mattered not. He was the candidate of the "bosses," meaning that he had been nominated by the delegates to the Republican State convention. Therefore, it was said of him that he was a mere puppet. But Stuart triumphed and he has lived to give Pennsylvania an administration that is noted throughout the nation for its integrity and its good sense. And now it is the turn of Tener to be assailed. It would have made no difference who the candidate might have been, there would have been the same assaults from those who never hesitate to sink themselves into the depths of some to foster their own conspiracies. But as Stuart won despite his vicious detractors, so will Tener win, and the great Republican State of Pennsylvania will refuse to be led into the rank of a Democratic Berry or a Democratic Grim to become a pawn in the Democratic game to seize upon that country and erect the free soup kitchen for the starving in place of the open mill and factory."

wise she may find herself open to criticism.  
When you would hardly know a man is married by his actions and appearance. It's a sure sign that he is getting along well with his wife and get's to do at least a share of the housework.  
In the time of peace apply for a pension.  
It has been almost a week since we heard of Roosevelt's "big stick."  
Deceased rabbits are dangerous at this time of the year.  
When Acheson was in power men were supposedly paid for shoveling dirt both ways in constructing roads.  
Beauty, they say, is only skin deep. And doesn't penetrate far; But it's enough to get a girl a seat in a crowded trolley car.  
—Philadelphia Telegraph.

## ELECTRIC SPARKS

A lawyer always is so bright looking when he enters the bar, but it is comparatively seldom that we hear of a septuagenarian attorney making good.  
The Philadelphia North American still seems to think it has something up its sleeve.  
Pittsburg women think that girls have no business celebrating Halloween by donning male attire. Better that than the hobbie skirt.  
You are supposed to own \$185 if you live in Charleroi. Still it keeps most of us busy finding enough to keep our blood stirring.  
Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllyslllogogogach. Never mind, that's only the name of a small town in Wales.  
Charleroi is getting a big record for fast time in its volunteer department. Where Charleroi leads others follow.  
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## FIRE DEPARTMENT IS CONGRATULATED FOR GOOD RECORD

Made One of Best and Quickest Runs in History on Saturday.

When the fire companies were called out by an alarm on Saturday, Mrs. J. M. Fleming, wife of Chief Fleming kept a record of the time from the first tap of the bell until the "ring out" was given. This included the getting of both the chemical wagon and the hook and ladder wagon from the fire house, the run to the scene of the alarm at Tenth street, the connection and laying of hose, and an inspection of the roof of the house, where the small blaze was. The entire time consumed was five minutes. This is considered a record for the local department, and several companies were called on the work, among them being one from a member of the Monessen fire department who professed great surprise that a volunteer company could attain such a degree of efficiency, and said that it was as good or a better time than many paid companies can make. The run was made with 12 men, the chief, assistant chief and two foremen.

**Stories of Frederick the Great.**  
In the course of some military evolutions Frederick the Great of Prussia, irritated by some mistake of a captain, ran after him with his stick in order to strike him. The captain ran away. The next morning the commanding officer reported to the king that the officer in question, one of the most efficient in the regiment, had sent in his papers. "Tell him to come to me," said the king. The officer, in great perturbation, came. "Good morning, major," he apostrophized the officer, who was speechless with surprise. "I wanted to tell you of your promotion, but you ran so fast I could not catch you up. Good morning."  
Another time an officer attempted to get a comrade into bad odor with the king by telling his majesty that he was a drunkard. In a subsequent battle the latter's fitness was conspicuous, whereas his slanderer played a very poor part. When afterward he defied past the king at the head of his regiment his majesty called out to him in a voice of thunder. "The sooner you take to drink the better!"

**The Old Time Surgeon.**  
Before anaesthetics were known the surgeon's only expedient was to abridge his patient's sufferings by working rapidly. In this the old time surgeons did wonders. They had a control and a surety in their hands that are now seldom found. One day the celebrated surgeon Malsouneure had to amputate the leg of a poor devil, who began to howl in advance. "I'll give you my watch," said the surgeon. "If the operation lasts more than a minute." The man accepted the offer, but was obliged to forego the handsome watch, as the operation took less time than it requires to describe. To amputate an arm at the shoulder is a most difficult operation. Dr. Langenbeck of Germany did it in two minutes. A young physician who came to see him perform the operation adjusted his spectacles to his nose so as not to lose a single movement, but when the spectacles were in place the operation was over and the severed arm lay on the floor. Times have changed much since then.

**Be a Real Power in the World.**  
It is a great thing to start out in active life with the resolution that you will not be a mere cipher in your community, but a real constructive force; that you will stand for something more than a real living getter or a dollar gatherer; that you will not be merely one more citizen, but a strong, robust, vigorous force, a power-respected, a force that moves things. To be known as a progressive man who stands for everything that is for the betterment of his community, every one should be ambitious to be something as a citizen besides a specialist in his vocation.—Success Magazine.

## The Cry of the Age is "Back to the Farm"

With the best market in the world at his door, the intensive farmer located in the Monongahela valley is the wise man of his generation.

Every town has as much need of the small truck, fruit and poultry farms around it as it has for more factories. Such farms make living better and cheaper for the laboring man and more business for the merchant.

I have secured control of a large farm within five minutes walk of the borough limits and will, within the next six weeks, sell it out in small farms. I now have purchasers for about one-half of it and owing to the great demand for small farms near Charleroi expect to close all sales for these farms in a very short time.

A farm big enough for all the boys to work as a truck, poultry and fruit farm while the father works at the mill, can be bought for the price of a cheap town lot. Good country school nearby.

A farm big enough to require the whole time of one intensive farmer can be bought for \$500.00. Read the Pittsburg papers about the great land show which will be held there within the next few weeks and learn what can be raised on a few acres of ground by the new methods of intensive farming.

Call at the office of Charles O. Frye, 511 Washington Avenue, and get full particulars.

**Opportunity.**  
In one of the old Greek cities there stood long ago a statue. Every trace of it has vanished now, but there is still in existence an epigram which gives us an excellent description of it, and as we read the words we can surely discover the lesson which those wise old Greeks meant that the statue should teach to every passerby. The epigram is in the form of a conversation between a traveler and the statue: "What is thy name, O statue?" "I am called Opportunity." "Who made thee?" "Lysippus." "Why art thou on thy toes?" "To show that I stay but a moment." "Why hast thou wings on thy feet?" "To show how quickly I pass by." "But why is thy hair so long on thy forehead?" "That men may seize me when they meet me." "Why, then, is thy head so bald behind?" "To show that when I have once passed I cannot be caught."

**Dropping the Curtain.**  
"No, Mr. Siowun," said the fair possessor of the square chin. "I must respectfully decline to become your other half."  
"But why?" asked the astonished young man, who had believed that he was the favored one.  
"Because," replied the female extender of the frosty digit, "the man I marry must be brave and fearless. Tonight you let out the information that you have loved me for five long, weary years, but have not dared mention it until the present meeting. A man who has no more nerve than that would hide under the bed while his wife went downstairs to interview a burglar who was making a raid on the familyarder. Therefore, Mr. Siowun, I will work the piano for a little while while the curtain drops on the farwell scene. You will find your hat on the usual peg of the hall rack. Good evening!"—London Mail.

**Speculative Life Insurance.**  
A mania for speculative insurances on the lives of public personages prevailed in England during the eighteenth century. Warren Hastings, the pretender, the rebel lords or the unfortunate Admiral Byng answered equally the purpose of speculation, and there were also regular quotations on the lives of notorious highwaymen. Sir Robert Walpole at one period of his career, when his life was endangered by popular tumults, was insured for many thousands, and when George II. fought at Dettingen 25 per cent was paid against his return. Such speculative insurances were, however, largely checked by the gambling act of 1774, which made insurable interest a necessary condition for a valid policy.—Argonaut.

**How Leap Year Started.**  
Bamptson, in his "Medii OEVI. Randarium," quotes the following quaint tradition from an old Saxon treatise: "Some assert that the bissextus or leap day comes through this: that Joshua prayed to God that the sun might stand still for one day's length that he might sweep the heathen from the land that God had granted him and his followers. It is true that the sun did stand still for one day's length over the city of Gabaon, but the day went forward in the same manner as other days. And the bissextus is not through that, as some do think."  
In France and some parts of Spain and Portugal there exists a tradition known as "the ghost of leap year." Believers in this say that a marvelous monster annually appears on leap day and disarranges human affairs for the remainder of the year.

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No men in the employ of Uncle Sam render more efficient service than do those of the revenue cutter service. The term "revenue," which would indicate that their duties were restricted to those pertaining to the proper enforcement of the revenue laws, can give but a faint notion of the varied duties of this splendid corps of men. As a matter of fact, revenue cutters are the life savers of the seas. They patrol the coasts on regular boats, on the watch for vessels in distress. They must suppress mutinies, prevent smuggling and illicit seal hunting; they must examine ships' papers, enforce quarantine regulations, supply lighthouses and in general do all kinds of police work. Then, too, they have been dubbed "the messenger boys of the seas."  
Alexander Hamilton was the father of the revenue cutter service, for it was under his administration of the treasury department that, in 1791, ten cutters were built and put in commission under rules of his own devising. In time of peace the cutters are under the supervision of the treasury department, but in times of war they are transferred to that of the navy department. Since the war of 1812 they have always rendered excellent service in the event of armed hostilities. Every one remembers the remarkable work done by the McCulloch, under Dewey, at the battle of Manila Bay.—New York Press.

## A GEM OF POESY.

Maybe It Was the Heat That Made It Burst Into Being.  
Stewart Edward White, William Kent and myself were hunting mountain sheep in the ranges of Mexican California. Perhaps because the savage heat of the desert which we were crossing had somewhat gone to our brains we fell to making poetry upon various aspects of desert life. White rhapsodized upon the tarantula; Kent dithyrambed over the jack mule; I sang the dispraises of the jack rabbit. Finally White, who was cook for the day, offered a special prize of duck raisins (the last remnant of our store) for the premier verse to be turned out before sunset. At noon we met up with a wandering prospector, who introduced himself as J. Noel Benson, native son of California, and observed upon learning of our literary efforts that he was some poet himself. On being invited to enter the list he retired to the top of a mesa, where the thermometer was something like 130 in the absence of shade, and after half an hour of self communion returned with the following gem of poesy:

**THE GNAT.**  
The gnat he is a nolosome mite. He loves to buzz. He loves to bite. He crawls upon you when you're hot. I love the naughty gnat—n't—not! The duff was awarded to him without protest from the other contestants.—Success Magazine.

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## RESTAURANTS.

### They Really Had Their Origin In the First French Revolution.

The restaurant of the present time had its origin in the first French revolution, toward the close of the eighteenth century. At the time the reputation of the French for good cooking and the delicacy of taste in eating as well as in producing the dishes and morsels dates practically from the same time.

That revolution meant ruin to many noble families, and their downfall meant ruin also for their chefs, so some of the latter hit upon the idea of opening houses where dainties prepared by their skilled hands could be obtained. If the experiment succeeded the chefs would be as well off as when in service. The idea was pleasing to the public, the proprietors did a large business, and the proprietors had no reason to regret the revolution from a monetary point of view.

Then it occurred to others that the people might appreciate being educated up to the level of the chefs, and many books on the culinary art were published and sold well. One of the most noted of these was "The Gourmand's Guide" by a Frenchman.

Restaurant really means "restoring" and was applied to these places because you went there to have something to revive or restore your failing strength.

## MAKING NEEDLES.

### Various Processes Through Which the Steel Wire Must Pass.

Needles are made from steel wire, which is first cut by shears from coils into the length of the needles to be made. After a batch of such bits as have been cut out they are placed in a furnace, then rolled until perfectly straight. Next the needle pointer takes up a dozen or so of the wires and rolls them between his thumb and finger, with their ends on a turning grindstone, first one end and then the other being ground. The little steel bits are then fed into a machine which flattens and tapers the heads, after which the eyes are punched.

They are now complete needles, but rough and easily bent. Careful heating and sudden cooling gives them the necessary temper, and nothing remains but to give them their final polish. On a coarse cloth needles are spread to the number of 40,000 or 50,000. Every dust is removed from them, oil is sprinkled on and soft soap dabbed over the cloth, which is rolled tightly, is thrown into a pot with others, where it rolls about for twelve hours or more.

When taken from this friction bath the needles require only rinsing in clean hot water, when they are ready to be sorted and packed. — Chicago Tribune.

### Fulton and the Clermont.

The first trip of Robert Fulton up the Hudson river in the Clermont was thus described in the American Citizen of Aug. 17, 1810:

"Mr. Fulton's Ingenious Steam Boat, invented with a view to the navigation of the Mississippi, and now on its way upwards, still today from the North River, near the State House, to Albany. The Velocity of the Steam Boat is calculated at four miles an hour. It is said that it will make a progress of two against the current of the Mississippi, and if so it will certainly be a very valuable acquisition to the Commerce of the Western States."

According to Edward Hagerman Hall's history, the Clermont made the trip to Albany in thirty-two hours. The state printer referred to stood on the block in New York now bounded by Washington, West Tenth, West and Charles Streets, in old Greenwich village.

### Vessels That Failed.

There was a time when it was believed possible to prevent seasickness by means of specially constructed vessels, says the London Chronicle. The Calais-Douvres, a twin ship, was used on the channel service for many years. Great things were expected from this, but she proved a slow boat, and her passengers by no means immune from seasickness. Another attempt in this direction was the Castalia, in which the saloon was suspended like a hammock with a view to minimizing the pitching and rolling. This turned out an utter failure. If the rolling was less than in ordinary vessels the pitching was quite as bad and, moreover, the swinging mechanism occasionally stuck. After a very few trips across the channel the Castalia was taken off the service.

### Easy Figuring.

Ascum—I suppose you haven't had time to figure out yet how much your cashier took?

Bank President—Oh, yes. We knew in a very short time.

Ascum—Why, I thought he took a great deal.

Bank President—Exactly. We merely had to count what he left.

Why He Resigned.

"So you resigned?"

"Yes. I couldn't stand the way the firm treated me."

"What did they do?"

"Took my name off the pay roll."

Exchange.

Beginning.

Be always beginning. Never think that you can relax or that you have attained the end. If we think ourselves more than beginners it is a sign that we have hardly yet begun.

Man thinks and at once becomes the master of beings that do not think. —Bacon.

## New York and the Surf.

Few New Yorkers ever stop to think that one of that city's chief attractions is the surf. Philadelphians must travel fifty-six miles to the ocean. Though the tide of civilization and the light of science have been shining on the Atlantic coast since the days of the first settlers, the only other large town on the Atlantic seaboard besides New York that has the ocean at its back door. San Francisco and Los Angeles are the only Pacific coast cities within trolley ride of ocean beach. None of the Mexican Gulf cities can be compared to New York as a seaside resort, and as to New Orleans another Mecca of the pleasure seekers, that lies more than 100 miles above the mouth of the Mississippi. But, including Coney Island and Rockaway, a good many miles of Greater New York are bounded by the ocean. This fact, just to consider the money making side of it, means an enormous revenue to the metropolis from the inland parts of the country. It is an advantage other great world centers, such as London, Paris and Berlin, do not enjoy. —Argonaut.

### The Short Step Between.

"I was on an ocean liner when she ran on the rocks off the English coast some years ago," said a traveler from "and in the panic that ensued there is one incident that stands out in my memory, illustrating the slender thread between the tragic and the ridiculous. We had a fellow on board who had managed to keep pretty well loaded all the way across, and when we struck the rocks he was in his usual condition. When everybody thought for sure we were going to the bottom, he sat down at the piano in the saloon, and what do you suppose he began playing? 'Home, Sweet Home.' Somebody went to him and begged him to stop. Immediately he switched off from the doleful strains of the old song to the rollicking melody of 'Down Went McGinty.' The absurdity of the thing seemed to strike everybody at once, and a general laugh followed. The tension was relieved, and there was good order after that."

### The Restaurant Piccolo.

Writing from Dresden, an American says: "There is at least one thing in a German restaurant for which one would look in vain in our country. That is the piccolo. You may think that I mean a musical instrument and that any orchestra in any country might have one of these, but you are wrong. My piccolo, the one at the restaurant, is a human being. He is a boy twelve to fifteen years old, who assists the regular waiter. He wears the regulation waiter's costume and looks funny in his spiked coat. He is as solemn as a funeral, knows how to extract a tip and for the high privilege of retaining his place and taking his first degree as a waiter must endure much abuse at the hands of the head waiter and his underlings. He is a funny little fellow, this piccolo, who because of his appearance could never prosper in our country." —New York Tribune.

### Created a New Word.

It was the third Earl Spencer who added a word to the language in consequence of a wager. The bet was that by cutting off the tail part of his overcoat he could bring into fashion overcoats so short that the skirts of the undercoat would show beneath. He won his wager, and "spencer" became the name both of that garment and of the feminine one afterward constructed in its likeness. The peerage has added more than one name to the terminology of costume. Everybody knows "Wellingtons," and the billycock hat is said by some to be really "Billy Coke," from Coke of Norfolk, earl of Leicester. But none of these examples in the sphere of clothes rivals what the Earl of Sandwich did when he contrived the slice of meat between bread as a device to enable him to go on gambling without tearing off for a meal. —London Chronicle.

### Getting Acquainted.

"We hesitated about renting this place," said the woman who had just moved in, "until we learned that the families on both sides of us owned their houses. It is so unpleasant to live where the people next door are always changing and you never know what kind of neighbors you are going to have."

"Yes," responded the woman on the other side of the fence. "That's one reason why we're trying to sell our house." —Chicago Tribune.

### A Bright Student.

During a recent examination in the theology of the Old Testament the following question was asked a young clergyman: "What language did Balaam's ass speak?" After a moment of thought a smile flashed across his face, and he wrote his answer. I looked at the paper. He had written: "Assyrian." —Lippincott's.

### Things He Sees.

"He's a terrible drunkard, isn't he?"

"Yes, but he's a good citizen."

"How can that be?"

"Every time he has jimmies he goes to the courthouse and pays taxes on a pack of pink and blue dogs." —Cleveland Leader.

### Anticipated.

Margaret—Did you tell the girls at the tea that secret I confided to you and Josephine? Katharine—No, truly I didn't. Josephine got there first. —Harper's Bazar.

### Knew Better.

"They say Brown is ten years ahead of his time."

"Well, it's not true. He's six months behind. I'm his landlord and know."

## AFRAID OF MOONLIGHT.

### The Reason Porto Ricans Carry Umbrellas at Night.

"The majority of Porto Ricans have a superstition in their minds which causes a superstitious dread of the full moon's rays," said a business man who has just returned from that country.

"It is a curious sight to the American visitor to note men and women going along the streets and highways of the island with umbrellas raised over their heads in the moonlight. At the time of the night, and the more brightly the moon is shining the greater will be the number of people who are thus protecting themselves from her beams. Out in the sequestered rural districts a gay mounted cavalier will be met at midnight, his bridle reins in one hand and an upraised umbrella in the other. It looks weird and also ridiculous, but the natives do it for a peculiar reason. They are possessed of the conviction that Luna's full light striking upon mortals is almost sure to make them mentally unbalanced—that is to say, lunatics—and that is why they interpose a shield between them and her dazzling brightness.

"To sleep where the moon could shine full upon one is, in the view of a Porto Rican, to tempt fate, and it would be a daring one who could be hired to do it for any consideration." —Baltimore American.

## STRENUOUS LIVING.

### A Long Day in the Life of an English Lady in 1791.

As for industrious idleness, which is held to blame for the wreckage of our nervous systems, it was not unknown to an earlier generation. Miss de Bruin assures us that in her youth pleasure loving people would leave Brussels early in the morning, travel all day to Paris to hear the opera and travel all night home. "That," she observes—as well she may—"was considered being fond of the opera."

A paragraph in one of Horace Walpole's letters gives us the record of a day and a night in the life of an English lady—sixteen hours of "strain" which would put New York to the blush. "I heard the Duchess of Gordon's journal of last Monday," he writes to Miss Berry in the spring of 1791. "She first went to hear Handel's music in the abbey; she then clambered over the benches and went to Hastings' trial in the hall, after dinner to the play, then to Lady Lucan's assembly, after that to Kanelagh and returned to Mrs. Hobert's faro table; gave a ball herself in the evening of that morning, into which she must have got a good way, and set out for Scotland the next day. Hercules could not have accomplished a quarter of her labors in the same space of time." —Atlantic Monthly.

### A Pretty Poor Portrait.

A Chinaman of very high rank had his portrait painted, and when it was finished the painter requested him to inquire of the passersby what they thought of it. The other agreed and asked the first comer:

"Do you think this portrait like?"

"The hat is extremely like," replied the critic.

The subject of the portrait asked a similar question of a second stranger, who answered that the clothes seemed to be exactly reproduced. He was about to interrogate a third when the painter stopped him and said indignantly:

"The resemblance of the hat and clothes is of no importance. Ask this gentleman what he thinks of the face?"

On being asked this question the stranger hesitated a very long time, but at last he replied:

"The beard and hair are first rate."

### London as It Was.

Haydn's "Dictionary of Dates" makes the statement that the old name of the city of London was written Lyoden or Lyridun, meaning "the city on the lake." An old tradition gives us to understand that London was founded by Brutus, a descendant of Aeneas, and called New Troy or Troynovant until the time of Lud, who surrounded the town with walls and named it Caer-Lud, or Lud's Town. This latter is probably the correct version of the story, for no other reason because it is an easy matter to detect a similarity between the expression Lud's Town and London. It is claimed by some writers that there was a city on the same spot 1,107 years B. C., and it is known that the Romans founded a city there called Londinium A. D. 61.

### Real Modesty.

"An actor should be modest, and most actors are," said a prominent one at a luncheon in Pittsburgh. "But I know a young actor who at the beginning of his career carried modesty almost too far."

"This young man inserted in all the dramatic papers a want advertisement that said:

"Engagement wanted—small part, such as dead body or outside shouts preferred."

### Preferences.

"I think I'll spend my vacation on the lawn," said the first dea. "I'm fond of golf."

"The golf for mine," declared the second dea. "I need the biggest altitude I can find." —Washington Herald.

### Sensible.

Mrs. X—"The flat above us is unoccupied right now. Why don't you come and live there?" Mrs. Y—"Oh, my dear, we've been such good friends, and I hate to start quarreling with you!" —Exchange.

## THE "BREAK" IN THE GAME.

### Baseball Almost as Much Psychological as Athletic.

Nearly every baseball game is won and lost on one play—a play that comes at the psychological instant. Among the players who do not study psychology the crucial moment is known as "the break," a phenomenon which no one has analyzed and which the players themselves do not understand. Twenty men on the bench are watching closely and intently every move of the pitcher, every swing of his arm. The tide of battle rises, ebbs and then suddenly at the start of some minor something happens. What it is no one outside the psychic sphere of influence ever will understand. At the silent, unheeded, watchful alert fellows on the bench see something or feel something, and the mysterious "break" has come.

"One ball!" The players on the bench suddenly stiffen and prepare for action.

"Two balls!" Two players jump for outs and begin swarming them; the coaches, who have yelled only because it was their duty, suddenly begin shouting, screaming, or, in some cases, weeping. The pitcher, who has been looking on, suddenly leaps into the game, bawling loud orders and wild threats.

The spectators do not understand anything has happened. Other batters have had two balls called many times, and it looks the same to the spectator who is beyond the mysterious "break" sphere. In two more moments the pitcher is a madhouse with twenty men shouting, screaming, or weeping, moaning. "Three balls!" and a madman rushes out to the "deck."

"Four balls!" and the spectators join the players in the demonstration. The madness is spreading. Crack—a baseball, a hurt a wild throw, another base hit, screams, shouts, imprecations, a roar of frantic applause, a final long hit. The manager reaches for his glove, spits into it and says quietly: "Fair runs—we've got 'em." The "break" is over, and the players' coach is again to question part of the "game." The spell of enthusiasm, of confidence and noise subsides and the game is new.

Psychology is almost as much psychological as athletic. When one team can beat a strong one consistently and lose to a weak one on the same regularity, it is because of the "break" in the game. The "break" is a madhouse with twenty men shouting, screaming, or weeping, moaning. "Three balls!" and a madman rushes out to the "deck."

## A MANDER'S END.

Meanness of M. Vandille and the Way He Hastened His Death.

M. Vandille was chief magistrate at Rouen and he was only thirty years of age. He was a very fat man, and his usual diet was bread and milk. The bread cost very little, and after eating his loaf at home his habit was to become his own public milk inspector, whom as chief magistrate he had in great respect. And so, as he declared, to protect the inhabitants from being imposed upon by a superior quality of milk he took his walk immediately after eating his loaf and demanded to taste the milk of every salesman he passed, thus saving himself from purchasing any milk. He was generally strong men—they have to be so in order to live a life of privacy—but eventually Vandille like other misers, was seized with illness, and the surgeons had to be called in. In those days they bled their patients. The surgeon asked Vandille half a livre for the operation, but the millionaire ordered him to wait out of his sight and sent for the apothecary. The apothecary refused to cut the price down, so Vandille sent for a poor barber who undertook to open a vein for three sous a time.

"Are, but," said this worthy economist, "how often, friend, will it be necessary to bleed me?"

"Three times."

"And what quantity of blood do you intend to take each time?"

"Eight ounces."

"Well, but why can't you take the whole twenty-four ounces at once? You want to make a job of me, you scoundrel! Here sit: there are your three sous. Take the twenty-four ounces immediately." The barber was generous to obey. M. Vandille lost the twenty-four ounces of blood and died in a few days, leaving all his vast treasures to the king whom he made his sole heir. —Strand Magazine.

### The Oldest Bridge in Paris.

The Pont Notre Dame is the oldest bridge in Paris. It was first built in 1438 in the reign of Charles VI, but it was carried away, together with the houses which lined it by ice floes when the frost broke in 1499. A new bridge was begun at once under the direction of Jean Goussier of Verone and was ready for traffic in 1507. On that bridge stood the famous picture shop of Geraint, which had a signboard specially painted for it by Watteau. —Westminster Gazette.

### Jolting Mim.

Bashful Youth—Miss Bella, does your mother object to my coming here so much? Falk Charmer—Oh, I think not! I heard her telling papa the other evening that you merely came to pass a day in the city, you couldn't take anything serious. —London Tit-Bits.

### The Division.

"What?" exclaimed Mrs. Flatteigh. "You don't mean to tell me you pay a girl \$10 a week for cooking?"

"Oh, no," replied Mrs. Urbanville. "We only pay her \$2 a week for cooking. The other \$8 is for staying!" —Chicago News.

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# FORMER DIRECTOR DEFENDS MR. TENER OF VICIOUS ATTACK

(From the Philadelphia Star)

Commenting upon the charges made against Republican gubernatorial Candidate Tener because of his connection with the National Utilities Corporation, General Russell Thayer, who was a director of the company and who resigned several months ago said:

"I was a director of the company for many months, and I am sure that not a single act of any member of the directorate in an official capacity was morally or legally wrong. I was not by any means a dummy director or one who had been put there to influence the community. I took an active interest in the affairs and can say that they were conducted in a strictly honorable and business like manner."

"Mr. Tener's connection with the company was always honorable and respectable. Any attack made on the future Governor of Pennsylvania on account of his connection with this company is not only unkind, but absolutely unnecessary."

"I resigned from the directorate because other business demanded my attention. This was the same reason that caused Mr. Tener to resign. We did not retire because of any wrong act, either on our part or on that of our companions."

A dispatch from Allentown stated today that investors in the National Utilities Corporation residing in that city do not know of anything wrong in the company.

G. C. Aschbach, leading music

## MINING SCHOOLS WILL BE ESTABLISHED IN VALLEY

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earnest efforts in their behalf, presented Inspector Cunningham with a beautiful jeweled Knights Templar emblem. The whole affair was a complete surprise to Mr. Cunningham but he responded very fittingly. Other addresses on the mining educational movement were made by Thomas Easton, Harry C. Drum, Robert Whitelaw, John Malabon Jr., and John McNeil. Officers of the new mining institute were chosen as follows: President, Andrew Jenkins, Charleroi; vice president, Thomas Cavanaugh, Fayette City; secretary, John J. Cairns, Roscoe; assistant secretary, Henry Abbott, Roscoe; treasurer, John McNeil, Coal Centre.

## BUSINESS MAN SAYS CHARGES ARE NONSENSE

Commenting upon the charges made by the Philadelphia North American upon Congressman J. K. Tener's connection with the National Public Utilities Corporation which the Philadelphia paper characterize as fraudulent because the company as not yet achieved its purpose, a prominent business man of the valley who came to the community from Westmoreland county, said today:

"Such charges are nonsense. All big projects are financed that way nowadays. I, myself, was one of the originals who promoted the West Penn Electric company, which, as every one knows, is one of the most powerful and solid corporations in this end of the State. At the time we began we did not have a single thing but some franchises, which were traded upon as assets. No one will now venture to attack the West Penn company, but the time was when all its available assets were a bunch of franchises worth absolutely nothing until they were utilized and put into operation."

Mrs. A. H. Chandler left today for Kokomo, Ind., where she will visit friends.

## LOCAL MENTION

Interesting News Items Condensed for Busy Readers.

G. W. Turner, the barber, returned the latter part of last week from a trip to Hagerstown, Md., and other places in that vicinity.

William Hott, who is employed at Woodlawn, was at home over Sunday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hott of McKean avenue.

Chauncey Jones and Oscar Carson left Sunday morning for a hunting trip of three or four days in the mountains near Ohio Pyle.

Gesson Jarts of Baltimore, Md., was a guest a brief while in Charleroi of his cousins, Misses May and Ethel Barth.

Mrs. S. T. Winngett has gone to Hagerstown, Md., for a visit with relatives and friends.

W. S. James left here for New York city last Saturday evening where he will transact important business.

Lorenzo Flowers has returned from Aspinwall where he had been enjoying the association of relatives.

Wm. Marr has accepted a position with a Glass company in Missouri. Mrs. Marr and daughters Misses Nellie and Emily will sail for England in November 9. The girls will enter school there for a three years' course.

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Frantz of Allentown spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Walters.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Abell and children, and Mrs. M. E. Abell and daughter Miss Margaret spent Sunday in Belle Vernon the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Springer.

Mrs. J. A. Sterling and sons James and Harry are here from Masonstown, the guests of relatives and friends.

Myron Rodgers of Seattle, Wash., who has been east to New York on a business trip was a visitor over Sunday of his mother Mrs. S. E. Rodgers of Fallowfield township.

Paul Kimmins spent Sunday evening in Brownsville with friends.

Miss Inga Dancer of Donora was a visitor in Charleroi Sunday with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Crowley spent Sunday in Brownsville with the latter's people.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Newcomer spent Sunday in Brownsville.

Burgess and Mrs. G. W. Risbeck were over Sunday guests of relatives in Donora.

Guy Woodward, Logan Wingett, Robert McGowan and A. J. Pancok took an automobile trip to Uniontown and vicinity yesterday.

A. J. Odbert was a visitor in Charleroi yesterday from Pittsburg where he attends school.

L. J. Peck is a Pittsburg business visitor today.

Dr. H. J. Sherrick was an over Sunday visitor in Connellsville with relatives.

Fred Estenfelder went to Fredericktown this morning on a business trip.

Mrs. M. E. Richards and daughter, Miss Ruth went to Mt. Washington yesterday where they will make their future home.

An Ancient House.  
The ancient Romans had a catapult that could hurl rocks more than a mile.

"Now I understand it."  
"What?"  
My landlord told me the house was a stone's throw from the depot. He must have had it on his hands since the time of the Caesars.

A Complex Rest Cure.  
"Bliggins is a very vociferous person."

"Yes," replied Miss Cayenne, "but I don't blame him. The way a man of his mentality rests his nerves is by talking so loud he can't hear himself think."—Washington Star.

## Classified Ads

FOUND—Sum of money. Owner can have same by applying to H. K. Lang, 608 Fallowfield avenue, identifying same and paying for this advertisement. 591tp

FOR SALE—10 shares of the stock of the Charleroi Savings and Trust company at par. Call on or write to G. M. Mitchell, 88 McKee Avenue, Monessen, Pa. 58tf

WANTED—To rent either small house or 4 or 5 rooms for light housekeeping in Fifth street school district on Meadow or Crest. Answer care "35" Mail. 57tf

FOR SALE—Iron Favorite coal range with shelf. Inquire of 523 McKean avenue. 54tfp

WANTED—Girl for general housework. Apply 332 Washington avenue. 53tfp

## J. W. Berryman & Son

### FALL HARVEST SALE

Oct. 15th until Oct. 25th

We call this our Fall Harvest Sale because the crops have all been harvested, and every day perishable things must be gotten out of the way of Jack Frost.

It is time, too, when men, women and children put off summer things and put on their Winter Wearables. This sale will last ten days. We've hundreds of things to show you. Come while the assortments are at their best.

We have already received over Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) worth of the newest and best merchandise that money can buy. We want to show you these assortments, so kindly arrange to come this week.

Ladies' Suits are big Fall items—and no doubt many are waiting to buy. The very cream of the stock is here—don't delay—you'll never do better than now. We can sell you a beautiful suit for \$12.50, better for \$15.00 and \$18.00 and up.

Quality in suits always counts. We aim at ways to give value—and it must be right. Price depends on the value of the cloth and the workmen employed. We claim that for suits are as "good as the best and better than the rest." Don't put off—alterations take time and you must take your turn.

Sailor Dresses have been unusually good—they are so pretty and so serviceable. This week we received the smaller sizes for girls, ages 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14 years, made of serge and come in Blue, Brown and Red. They sell for the very low price of \$3.75 and \$5.00.

Misses' Blue Serge Dresses for school and every day wear. A new neat stylish dress of serge, come in sizes 14, 16, 18, 20—at \$10.00.

Children's Coats of all ages are big attractions now—and oh, such a variety, and so pretty. They must be seen to be appreciated.

The Misses' Coats are selling every day now. Make your selection—it's going to be a coat year—you'll want one. There is a wonderful lot of them and hardly any two alike. Price range \$8.50, \$10.00, \$12.50, \$15.00, \$18, \$20 and \$25.00.

Blanket Time—and we've got them—we sell good blankets here—the kind that stay good, and I am sure 'tis the kind you want.

Winter Hosiery will need attention. Buy a box and wear each pair in its turn—it is the secret of guaranteed hosiery. Look up our Easter Brown Hosiery for Children—for Men—for Women—all guaranteed.

Hair Goods—Do you know how to fix up your hair in the late style way? Well, if you do, you know it requires more hair, and it's our business to supply you with good sanitary hair goods. Don't overlook this item. Hair goods cannot be exchanged. No reason for excuse. It is for your good.

Sweaters are selling for little folks—for girls—boys and men. We've a big lot of them.

Dress Goods—the greatest variety ever shown by this big store. Any color and most any price. We've sold thousands of yards of good dress goods. If you want dependable kinds come here.

Specials—This week this store is offering a number of Specials at Cut Prices. Look them up—they may save you money.

CHARLEROI, PA.

## J. W. Berryman & Son

### Headquarters

For Hair Goods, Puffs, Switches, Etc.  
For Novelties, Pins, Barrattes, Etc.  
For Hair Dressing.  
For Manicuring.

For the very latest productions and new things in these lines, call on

## KEECH AND NEALER

206 Fourth Street, Charleroi, Pa.  
MANICURING AND HAIRDRESSING.

### WELL KNOWN WOMAN

DIES ON WAY HOME  
FROM SOUTHERN STATE

Word was received here yesterday from Baltimore, Md., of the death of Mrs. Isaac K. Porter, of near Claysville, the mother of Mrs. Charles O. Frye of Crest avenue. Her death occurred at 3 o'clock yesterday morning while she was on her way home from Florida where she had gone two months ago with her husband for the benefit of her health. She was 55 years old. The funeral will be held from the late home on Tuesday. Mrs. Porter has been a sufferer from asthma for many years. Two months ago she went to Florida with her husband hoping that, the change of climate would result in her complete recovery. The climate did not have the desired effect, and with Mr. Porter she started home as soon as she was able. When they reached Baltimore her heart became affected and

death resulted. Beside the husband and Mrs. Frye there survive the following children: Frank of New York, and Robert of near Claysville.

### LEAK IN RESERVOIR CAUSES BIG SCARE

Many Hill Residents Feared.

Repetition of Johnstown Flood.

When the lead blew out of a main at the reservoir and let considerable water escape Saturday evening, people on the hill were somewhat frightened for fear of a repetition of the Johnstown flood. The water escaped for quite a while, and several cellars were flooded, it is stated, before water company employees could repair the break. All the water which flowed from the main was the excess not used by the town.

Use the Want Column of the Mail.

you will get the desired result quick;

ly and surely--a cent a word.

# October Shoe Sale

READ THE BARGAINS

### Women's Cloth Top Shoes



The newest Fall creations and a triumph of modern shoemaking. Best in cloth used in the construction of this shoe and it will make a big hit among stylish dress-wearers. Milford buttons that add greatly to the beauty of the shoe. Made to sell at \$3.50 and \$4.00 a pair. All sizes Saturday at the very special price of

\$2.45  
A Pair

### Men's Dress Shoes

Tan, patent and dull leathers in oxford and blucher models. Men can be both stylish and saving by taking advantage of this offering worth \$3.50 and \$4.00 a pair. Special price for Saturday



\$2.45  
A Pair



### Women's Fine Dress Shoes

That the most exacting women will credit as being about the best offering in town and worth double the money. They come in tan, patent and dull leathers in all sizes. Cuban heel and short vamp models. Laces, buttons and blucher styles. Worth \$3.00 to \$3.50 a pair. Special Saturday A Pair

\$1.95

### Women's Sample Shoes

Latest Fall styles from the best factories. Have them only in sizes from 2 1/2 to 4 1/2 and the women who can wear these sizes will get the cream of the shoe bargains. Special price for Saturday

\$1.48



### Girls' Shoes

For dress. Tan, patent and gun metal with metal kid tops. Generally sell at \$2 and sizes up to 2. Special price



\$1.50

### For School Wear

Big lot on tables in store tomorrow. All leathers and sizes up to 2. Special price

98c

### Boys' Shoes

Dressy and durable—an ideal combination. All leathers. \$2 and 2.50 values at the special price 1.50  
For school wear—best calfskin uppers with good strong soles, noted for long wear. \$1.50 values in sizes up to 5 1/2 at

### Women's Julietts

All sizes out on tables tomorrow at the "best for less" price. Worth 1.50 per pr. Rubber heels, leather soles and elastic soles assure comfort. Special

98c

# Sample Shoe Store

"It's Adolph, of Course"